

WHEN NATURAL BECOME SUPER *BIG BIG GOD* – Part 5 of 7

OUR NATURAL EYES CAUSE US TO:

1. Underestimate what _____ can do.

“But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there’...the men who had gone up with him said, ‘We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.’” Numbers 13:28,31

Rahab: “We are all afraid of you; everyone is terrified if the word ‘Israel’ is even mentioned. For we have heard how the Lord made a path through the Red Sea for you when you left Egypt!... No wonder we are afraid of you! No one has any fight left in him after hearing things like that, for your God is the supreme God of heaven, not just an ordinary god.” Joshua 2:9-11 (Living Bible)

2. Underestimate what _____ can do.

“We felt like grasshoppers before them, they were so tall!” Numbers 13:33 (Living Bible)

Caleb: “I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. God has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.” Joshua 14:7-15

3. Allow our problems to _____ our perspective.

“Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD...The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, ‘If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.’” Numbers 11:1,4-5

“...With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

THREE RESULTS OF SEEING WITH NATURAL EYES:

1. You get _____.

“That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.” Numbers 14:1

2. You feel _____.

“All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, ‘If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!’” Number 14:2

• People who feel like _____ are the greatest critics.

3. You get _____.

“Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, ‘We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.’” Numbers 14:3-4

“At one time you were slaves to sin... But now you have been set free from sin and are the slaves of God. Your gain is a life fully dedicated to him, and the result is eternal life. For sin pays its wage—death; but God’s free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:17-22,23 (Good News)

• It’s never too late to _____ to God.

THE SOLUTION: SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH!

“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” Numbers 13:30

Paul: “I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [opened] in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you...” Ephesians 1:18a

“Except a man be born again he can not see the kingdom of heaven.” John 3:3 (KJV)

“Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went and filled the leather bag with water and gave some to the boy.” Genesis 21:19 (Good News)

“Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’” Luke 24:31-32

“When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. ‘Oh, my lord, what shall we do?’ the servant asked. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ the prophet answered. ‘Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ And Elisha prayed, ‘O LORD, open his eyes so he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” 2 Kings 6 15-17

“The LORD said to Abram, ‘From where you are, look carefully in all directions. I am going to give you and your descendants all the land that you see, and it will be yours for ever.’” Genesis 13:14-15 (Good News)

MY GIANTS TO CONQUER IN 2008:
